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SUBJ: TROFIN TO HEAD NEW COUNCIL FOR PROBLEMS OF PEOPLE'S COUNCIL

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1. PRESIDUM MEMBER VIRGIL TROFIN (ALSO DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR INTERNAL TRADE) HAS BEEN FORMALLY NAMED AS PRESIDENT OF NEWLY ESTABLISHED COUNCIL FOR PROBLEMS OF PEOPLE'S COUNCILS. COUNCIL IS EMPOWERED TO ACT AS INTER-MEDIARY BETWEEN CENTRAL STATE ORGANS AND DISTRICT (JUDET) AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES. IT REPLACES STATE COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMY AND LOCAL ADMINISTRATION FORMERLY HEADED BY BLAJOVICI WHICH HAD MORE LIMITED FUNCTIONS. NICOLAE TABIRCA, FORMER PARTY HEAD OF DIMBOVITA (WHERE HE WAS REPLACED BY FORMER SECURITY CHIEF ION STANESCU), WAS NAMED FIRST VICE PRESIDENT OF NEW COUNCIL UNDER SAME DECREE.

2. AS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY, TROFIN HAS DIRECTED FORMER STATE COMMITTEE SINCE BLAJOVICI'S TRANSFER TO ORADEA AS FIRST PARTY SECRETARY, AND IT WAS EXPECTED THAT HE WOULD BE NAMED TO HEAD NEW COUNCIL. COUNCIL OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD

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US THAT THEY ARE UNCERTAIN WHETHER TROFIN WILL CONTINUE TO

HEAD MINISTRY FOR INTERNAL TRADE, BUT FOR TIME BEING HE
HAS BOTH FUNCTIONS.

3. COMMENT: IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO ASSESS POTENTIAL
POLITICAL WEIGHT OF NEW COUNCIL OR OF EFFECT ON TROFIN'S
FORTUNES. SINCE TROFIN APPEARS TO BE IN POSITION TO DEAL
DIRECTLY WITH PROVINCIAL PARTY SECRETARIES (ALL WITH
IMPORTANT PARTY AS WELL AS LOCAL ADMINISTRATION ROLES), HIS
NEW POSITION COULD CONCEIVABLY GIVE HIM GREATER OPPORTUNITY
TO BUILD POLITICAL BASE THAN HE HAS ENJOYED FOR SOME TIME,
PARTICULARLY IN CONTRAST TO RELATIVELY UNIMPORTANT MINISTRY
HE HAS RECENTLY HEADED WITH ITS BUILT-IN VULNERABILITIES
TO CRITICISM.
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